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Title "THE BATTLING ORIOLES"

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Number Reels Six

Director

Assistant Director

Cameraman

Ted Wilde and  
Fred Guiol

Bert Currgan

Floyd Jackman  
and  
George Stevens

### CAST

Name  
Glenn Tryon

Character  
Barber and son of  
"Battling Oriole"

Blanche Mehaffey

Glenn's sweetheart

John T. Prince

President of Club

Noah Young

Blanche's Uncle

Sam Lufkin

Noah's Lieutenant

Robert Page

Detective



Outline of Story "The Battling Orioles" were the most belligerent base ball team in suits - - - in 1874. Fifty years later they sat about their exclusive New York club and whined about their gout. In 1874 they'd lynch an umpire as readily as they would look at him. Half a century passed and no one would have believed that any one of them had ever skinned a knuckle.

Only one of the old gang is missing - - -. Nobody knew what had become of him. His son, unknown to the aged "Orioles", is spreading lather and sunshine as a barber in a small town up-state. (Glenn Tryon) Glenn had a country sweetheart in that little town (Blanche Mehaffey). One day she rushed in thrilled with the news that her Uncle (Noah Young) had come to take her to the City to educate her. It was but natural for Glenn to dislike the looks of the Uncle and his companion (Sam Lufkin) and for the first time in his life he felt a great loneliness when Blanche left the small town.

The President and founder of the Club (John T. Prince) stops in that town one day to water his automobile. He enters the village barber shop, the nearest place open. Glenn has just received a letter from Blanche stating that things in the City had not turned out as she expected and that she was afraid and wished so much that Glenn was there to help her. The President sees on the wall a photograph of "The Battling Orioles" taken at the end of their greatest game - - they had made 22 runs and five knockouts.

"Where did you get that picture?" the old man asked the barber.

"From my father. He was a member of that team."

The ancient "Oriole" saw the remarkable resemblance in the boy and his heart warmed toward him. Thinking of the ancient barber at the Club, he asks Glenn if he would consider taking that position with the Club, and at the same time fill his father's place with the members.

"We need some new blood. The boys should be stirred up. They're not the he-men they used to be and I believe you could spread happiness among them. Glenn, with the President's card in one hand and his sweetheart's letter in the other, found it an easy task to make up his mind. Here was an opportunity sent from heaven.

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The old men in the New York club resent the intrusion of the young upstart from the country. When he tries to brighten the lives of the members with sleight-of-hand tricks they want to lynch him. They finally get so indignant Glenn is ordered from the club. Outside fate again plays her cards. From nowhere at all Blanche runs into Glenn and astounds him by informing him that she is fleeing from the police. Her uncle has made her work with a gang of confidence men and they are about to be arrested. Glenn grabs her and takes her into the club - - - a place where no woman had ever set foot. Detectives follow them inside and there is a wild scramble that almost wrecks the place, but Blanche gets away. The club members are frantic. They haven't known such excitement in years. They forget all about their gout and dyspepsia. When it was over they were about to assault Glenn but he tells them they are a bunch of old fossils without a fight left in <sup>them</sup> him. After he goes they realize the truth of it. They start out to find him.

Meanwhile Glenn had gone to "The Owl's Eye" to find Blanche again. The old men follow him there and clean out the place while Glenn is having a terrific fight with Blanche's uncle and lieutenant upstairs. Glenn finally wins and comes downstairs to find the aged gladiators in possession, with the tough habitues of the cabaret completely routed. The old men hadn't had so much fun in 50 years. They forget all about their ailments and crabid dispositions and they welcome Glenn as a true son of "The Battling Orioles" and the boy who had made them young again.

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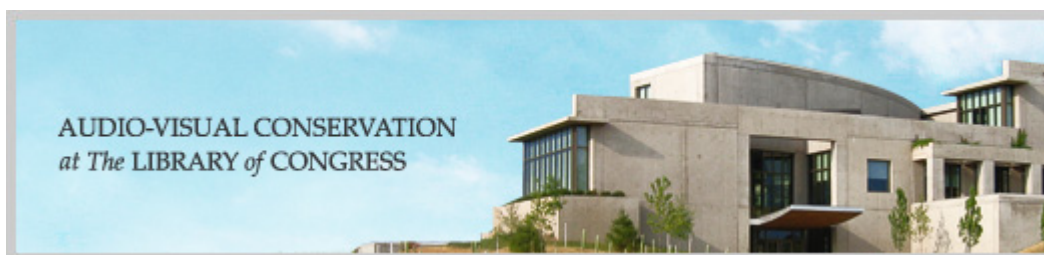
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